

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Previously Amended) A lactic fermentation product of ginseng prepared by fermenting ginseng with lactic acid bacteria capable of bio-converting ingredients of ginsenosides, wherein said lactic acid bacteria is *bifidobacterium* KK-1 Accession Number (KCCM-10364), and wherein the total amount of (Compound K + ginsenoside Rh1), (ginsenoside Rh1 + ginsenoside Rh2), (ginsenoside Rh2 + Δ^{20} - ginsenoside Rh2 + ginsenoside Rh1) or (Compound K + ginsenoside Rh1 + ginsenoside Rh2) is respectively in the ratio of more than 0.1 with respect to the amount of (ginsenoside Rc + ginsenoside Rd + ginsenoside Rb1 + ginsenoside Rb2 + ginsenoside Re + ginsenoside Rg1).

2. (Previously Amended) A lactic fermentation product of ginseng as claimed in claim 1 wherein said ginseng is selected from the group consisting of dry ginseng powder, ginseng treated by acid, ginseng treated by heat and ginseng treated under pressure.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A ginseng yoghurt comprising the fermentation product of ginseng-as claimed in claim 1, prepared by fermenting ginseng with lactic acid bacteria capable of bio-converting ingredients of ginsenosides, wherein said lactic acid bacteria is *Bifidobacterium KK-1* Accession Number (KCCM-10364), and wherein the total amount of (Compound K + ginsenoside Rh1), (ginsenoside Rh1 + ginsenoside Rh2), (ginsenoside Rh2 + Δ²⁰- ginsenoside Rh2 + ginsenoside Rh1) or (Compound K + ginsenoside Rh1 + ginsenoside Rh2) is respectively in the ratio of more than 0.1 with respect to the amount of (ginsenoside Rc + ginsenoside Rd + ginsenoside Rb1 + ginsenoside Rb2 + ginsenoside Re + ginsenoside Rg1).

7. (Currently Amended) The ginseng yoghurt as claimed in claim 6 wherein the fermentation product of ginseng ~~are-is~~ incorporated into said ginseng yoghurt through the fermentation process wherein both milk and ginseng are fermented together.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Amended) *Bifidobacterium KK-1* Accession Number (KCCM-10364).

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)